

## **Congestive Heart Failure (CHF) Hospital Comments**

Anna Jaques Hospital  
BI Deaconess Medical Center  
Boston Medical Center  
Brigham and Women's Hospital  
Brockton Hospital  
Cambridge Health Alliance – Cambridge, Somerville, and Whidden  
Caritas Carney Hospital  
Caritas Good Samaritan Medical Center  
Caritas Holy Family Hospital  
Caritas Norwood Hospital  
Caritas St. Elizabeth's Medical Center  
Hallmark Health System – Lawrence Memorial Hospital  
Hallmark Health System – Melrose-Wakefield Hospital  
Heywood Hospital  
Lahey Clinic  
Massachusetts General Hospital  
Morton Hospital and Medical Center  
Nantucket Cottage Hospital  
Nashoba Valley Medical Center  
Newton-Wellesley Hospital  
Noble Hospital  
North Adams Regional Hospital  
North Shore Medical Center – Salem  
North Shore Medical Center – Union  
Northeast Hospitals – Addison Gilbert Hospital  
Quincy Hospital  
Saint Anne's Hospital  
Saints Memorial Medical Center  
South Shore Hospital  
Southcoast Hospitals Group  
Sturdy Memorial Hospital  
Winchester Hospital

### **Anna Jaques Hospital**

**(Link to General Comments)**

Congestive Heart Failure (CHF): Total cases = 218

2 out of 5 death records were Subacute admissions not Anna Jaques Hospital 3 out of 5 death records from Anna Jaques Hospital

### **BI Deaconess Medical Center**

**(Link to General Comments)**

### **Boston Medical Center**

Congestive Heart Failure (CHF):

Disagree with ARHQ'S denominator:

BMC Total Cases = 756

Obs. Rate = 1.71

### **Brigham and Women's Hospital**

**(Link to General Comments)**

### **Brockton Hospital**

**(Link to General Comments)**

### **Caritas Carney Hospital**

**(Link to General Comments)**

**Caritas Good Samaritan Medical Center** (Link to General Comments)  
Congestive Heart Failure (CHF): 19/368

**Caritas Holy Family Hospital** (Link to General Comments)  
Congestive Heart Failure (CHF): 25/391 – denominator higher from our database

**Caritas Norwood Hospital** (Link to General Comments)  
Congestive Heart Failure (CHF): 18/ 446 – denominator higher from our database

**Caritas St. Elizabeth's Medical Center** (Link to General Comments)  
Congestive Heart Failure (CHF): 14/ 379 – denominator higher from our database

**Hallmark H.S. – Lawrence Memorial Hospital** (Link to General Comments)

**Hallmark H.S. – Melrose-Wakefield Hospital** (Link to General Comments)  
Congestive Heart Failure (CHF): One patient identified as mortality in 2003 is still alive and recently admitted to the hospital within the 45 days.

**Heywood Hospital** (Link to General Comments)  
Congestive Heart Failure (CHF): 199 Cases / 7 deaths

**Lahey Clinic** (Link to General Comments)  
Congestive Heart Failure (CHF): Actual mortality rates for heart failure at Lahey Clinic are better than the state average.

**Massachusetts General Hospital** (Link to General Comments)

**Morton Hospital and Medical Center** (Link to General Comments)

**Nantucket Cottage Hospital** (Link to General Comments)

**Nashoba Valley Medical Center** (Link to General Comments)  
CHF Cases: 105 Deaths: 5

**Newton-Wellesley Hospital** (Link to General Comments)

**Noble Hospital** (Link to General Comments)

**North Adams Regional Hospital**  
Congestive Heart Failure (CHF): On-Going Performance Improvement Initiative

**North Shore Medical Center - Salem Hospital** (Link to General Comments)

**North Shore Medical Center - Union Hospital** (Link to General Comments)

**Northeast Hospitals – Addison Gilbert Hospital**  
Congestive Heart Failure: The data presented in this report includes patients who were admitted for inpatient hospice care. The correct data for CHF for Addison Gilbert is one mortality out of 83 admissions – 5 of the deaths listed were admitted for Hospice care and comfort and were expected deaths.

**CORRECT DATA - Congestive Heart Failure - Total of 1 death in 83 cases**  
**Mortality Rate change from 7.14 to 1.20**

**Quincy Hospital**[\(Link to General Comments\)](#)**Congestive Heart Failure (CHF):**

Our mortality rate due to CHF was noted to be higher than expected (1 star). In general healthcare billing data does not necessarily reflect the cause of death; however, organizational leaders have analyzed the detail for the sample posted and compared it to FY 04 and YTD 05. As the average age in this sample is consistently over 82 years, these patients arrive in our care with complex co-morbidities. Our plans to provide access to palliative care may not change our rates however we can assure that the treatment our patients receive during their last days will be provided with dignity and respect.

As noted in our general comment section, the overall mortality rate is trending downward.

**Saint Anne's Hospital**[\(Link to General Comments\)](#)

Congestive Heart Failure (CHF): 15/286 SAH database reflects 286 as their denominator.

**Saints Memorial Medical Center**[\(Link to General Comments\)](#)**South Shore Hospital**[\(Link to General Comments\)](#)**Southcoast Hospitals Group**[\(Link to General Comments\)](#)**Sturdy Memorial Hospital**[\(Link to General Comments\)](#)

Congestive Heart Failure (CHF): Even though our mortality rate is within the expected range, it is noteworthy that 12 of the 13 deaths were Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) patients.

**Winchester Hospital**[\(Link to General Comments\)](#)

Congestive Heart Failure – Winchester Hospital's mortality rate is statistically consistent with the expectations and our estimated cost per procedure is within the lowest 25% of the hospitals in the study.